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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference F-3585PT	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/JP2004/017700	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 29 November 2004 (29.11.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 03 March 2004 (03.03.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant JAPAN EXLAN COMPANY LIMITED			

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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From the
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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 - a. type of material
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 table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
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 - c. time of filing/furnishing
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4. Additional comments:

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<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>Claims 1-11:</p> <p>The subject matters of claims 11 appear to be novel and to involve an inventive step, since they are not described in any of the documents cited in the ISR.</p> <p>None of the documents cited in the ISR describes the hygroscopic/moisture-releasing paper comprising hygroscopic/moisture-releasing organic microparticles having a crosslinked structure and an acid group, inorganic fiber and pulp fiber.</p> <p>On the other hand, the invention of the present application achieves both high hygroscopic/moisture-releasing properties and high dimensional stability due to such a constitution.</p>																									